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Greenbelt Cares

A Family Counseling Center

by Sandra Barnes

What happens when the vital communications between parent and child break down? When the parent says the child is out of control and the child blames the parent for failing to understand him? What organization serves to pick up the fragmented pieces of a family's life and mold them back into a cohesive unit?

Here, in Greenbelt, there exists such an organization — Greenbelt CARES. It is composed of three full-time employees, the technical director, Dr. Leo Walder; the administrator, Bob Field; and his secretary, Nancy Spong. Together they are joined by 16 counselors who work from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday night. They have a current caseload of over 100 client-families and counsel from 35-40 families in group sessions each week. So far in 1973, 111 Greenbelt families have sought help from Greenbelt CARES. During a seven month period, from March to October, CARES saw 167 families; during the first quarter 47% were from Greenbelt and during the second quarter, 81 1/4% were from Greenbelt.

Greenbelt CARES receives its funds from the Governor's Commission of Law Enforcement which in turn is funded through the federal government's Law Enforcement Act. In its first year of operation, CARES was required by the Governor's Commission to seek city assistance in terms of administrative help by the assistant city manager, and time given by city employees plus use of city facilities at no cost.

This second year of operation, however, the Governor's Commission requires the city to fund 5% of CARES total budget of \$170,000. (The state also will provide 5% in matching funds.) This amounts to a contribution from the city of \$8,000.

A public hearing will be held Monday night, November 26, 8 p.m., to discuss this budget request. Although the city does not ordinarily consider budget requests at the end of the year, CARES is required by the Governor's Commission to have the city's commitment by December 6 before they will consider refunding the program.

Present Program

Basically, Greenbelt CARES serves the family unit. 91 1/4% of its clients are composed of one or both parents and the child. Some youths, with their parents' signed permission, are counseled without the parents, a procedure CARES frowns upon but accepts under special circumstances. Administrator Field stated that 61% of the family units had the fathers involved in the program, a higher percentage than any other social service agency, he boasted. He sees this as a very important factor in the success of CARES.

Over 60% of the individuals Greenbelt CARES sees are referred to them from the Department of Juvenile Services in Hyattsville. Some cases are walk-ins and some are referred by the schools. Schools which CARES has the closest relationship with are Center, Parkdale, Greenbelt Junior High, and Mary Bethune, with the most number of kids enrolled in Bethune.

Following the intake interview with the child, the parents are interviewed, and then the counseling sessions are arranged. At the Wednesday night meeting, groups of five or six families will meet with two counselors at one table. In the beginning each family may wish to converse privately with the counselors, but as the meetings progress the group may begin to discuss problems with each other

too. The counselors, each of whom works full-time in a counseling or social work position and has either a Ph.D., Master of Social Work, or BA in social work or counseling, tries to discover what the main problem is and works toward a solution to that problem by making a written contract with the family. Each member agrees to act in a particular manner for a given period of time, usually a week. Some families are counseled each week, others every two or three weeks depending on their needs. For each session, the charge is \$1.00 a person.

Expanding Program

Field noted that during August and the first two weeks in September of this year, CARES had accepted 29 new cases, 27 of which were Greenbelters, and had reached its caseload capacity. It informed the Dept. of Juvenile Services that it could accept no new cases. However, the staff felt it could not turn people away and had to offer more services. Therefore, Dr. Walder initiated a family training session from 7-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Those people not seeing a counselor would be taught a course on how to work out family problems. CARES hopes to expand this aspect of their work with the additional funds they have asked for.

They also hope to double the number of counselors to 32. They want to add two additional staff personnel, a field administrator to perform diagnostic tests to determine what kinds of jobs a youngster might be suited for, and a legal assistant to work out the legal problems a family might encounter. CARES recognizes the need to visit homes and work with the family in the home, particularly when they are very reluctant to come to group sessions.

Field sees one of the greatest opportunities CARES can provide a young person is a job. When a young person is turned off by school, he needs to be turned onto something he is really interested in doing and from which he feels a sense of accomplishment. This is the reason behind setting up the gift wrapping center and the assembling of such things as bicycles. One program they particularly want to begin is training young people as camp counselors. They hope to tie into a camp program.

Success Rate

"There is a great need for our kind of service," Field stated. "It is difficult to know how successful you've been," he confided, "but from what we've heard we believe good is being done. People keep coming and that says something."

CARES does receive regular evaluations, which Field says have been favorable. In addition, Dr. Molly Schuchat, who is in charge of evaluating all of the youth services in Maryland has helped in evaluating CARES and has used their evaluating process as a guide for other agencies.

The one regret Field has is that the Governor's Commission forces them to accept 60% of their cases from the Dept. of Juvenile Services whereas they would like to be more active in the schools and do more preventive work. Only a small percentage of their work is currently preventive.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, St. Hugh's Church

Fri., Nov. 23, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Rm.

Mon., Nov. 26, 8 p.m. City Public Hearing on Greenbelt CARES, Municipal Building

Wed., Nov. 28, 8 p.m. John Carroll Human Relations meeting, 233 Lastner Lane
8 p.m. Greenbelt Homemakers, 29-B Ridge Rd.

Comet Kohoutek

by Joel Kastner

One of the brightest comets of the century, Comet Kohoutek, will make its debut to the naked eye starting in late November.

The comet, which is already visible by binoculars in the early morning sky, may reach a magnitude -4, or brighter than the planet Mars, (presently in the eastern evening sky).

When Comet Kohoutek was discovered, in March 1973, it was over 400 million miles from the sun, between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. At that time, it appeared to the telescope, as a fuzzy patch of light. This patch is a cloud of gas called the coma. As the comet approaches the sun, this coma will grow in size considerably.

During its brightest stages, between December 25 and January 3, a bright, starlike point may appear in the coma. This bright point is the nucleus of the comet. Nuclei of some comets may be 120 miles in diameter, but that is still far too small to be seen even by the largest telescopes.

The most spectacular part of the comet, is its tail which will grow in size as the comet nears the sun. It could grow as long as 100 million miles.

The comet will appear as a fuzzy patch of light, to the naked eye in late November, low in the southwestern morning sky. As it swings past the sun (from the morning sky to the evening sky), it will grow in length and brightness through Dec. until it moves past the sun on Dec. 28. It will then be seen for all of January in the early evening sky in the southwest, gradually shrinking in length and magnitude until it fades from naked eye view in early February.

Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers will meet Wednesday, November 28, at 8 p.m., at the home of Winnie Phibbs, 29-B Ridge Rd. The topic for discussion will be Scandinavian Cookery. Guests are invited and anyone wishing more information should call Sue Soule, 474-0881.

Folk Jam at Library

A Folk Jam will be held on Wed., Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Greenbelt Library. Bring guitars or come to listen.

For more information call the Young Adult Department 345-5800.

GHI Board Tackles Budget; Heating Costs A Question

by Al Skolnik

Starting its review of the 1974 budget, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors on Thursday, November 15, found little "fat" with the first part of the budget. This was because this part dealt mainly with fixed costs over which GHI has little control.

The only reduction the board effected was \$10,000 in the administrative and sales department budget by suggesting to management that it substitute part-time secretarial help for full-time vacancies hard to fill and that it postpone painting the administration building. (For every \$20,000 reduction in expenditures or increase in income, monthly charges are affected by 1 percent.)

The only other major expenditure item that came to a vote concerned a proposal to delete a \$30,000 charge against members for contingency reserves. Directors Ted Byerly and Tom White favored this proposal on the grounds that \$88,000 in the brick and \$70,000 in the frame had been built up in the past few years in contingency funds and the corporation could afford to skip the build up for one year. The rest of the board opposed on the grounds that there were many potential charges the contingency funds would have to take care of — such as an expected deficit of \$57,000 in fuel oil costs for the current (1973) year.

Heating Problems

The rest of the budget, dealing mainly with heating and maintenance, was to be considered by the GHI board on Monday, November 19. The board, however, did take some action on meeting the fuel oil crisis at its November 15 meeting. It directed the manager, the planning committee, and its engineering consultant W. Norman Meyer to meet as soon as possible to determine a time schedule and cost estimates for a program of installing variable temperature controls on the heating systems in the brick homes.

These variable controls will permit fuel oil savings by keeping the boiler water temperatures constant despite changes in outside weather. According to planning committee

chairman Hugh O'Donnell, the maintenance department has found that only about 12% of existing Waetherman controls in brick home heating plants are in operable conditions. O'Donnell said that according to his calculations this means that the heating plants are operating at only 43-47% efficiency, whereas with proper controls the efficiency should be 65-67%. He estimated that if the proper controls were installed, GHI could use \$100,000 less of fuel oil in a season.

One uncertain element was what the new controls would cost. Estimates varied up to \$100,000. There was also uncertainty as to whether these controls could be installed in the middle of the heating season. O'Donnell thought that it would only require 5 hours work per unit and that there would be enough warm days in the winter to permit such work. The consultations with Meyer are expected to get the answers to these questions.

The board also requested that Meyer be consulted respecting the advisability and feasibility of proceeding in this heating season with the hydronic conversion of the steam heating plant in 12 court Ridge to variable temperature hot water.

Pay Raise

Although the review of the individual expenditure lined items created little controversy, the same cannot be said for the overall discussion that preceded. The first issue to touch off a firestorm was a proposal by Byerly for an across-the-board cost-of-living increase of 5% for GHI employees.

White opposed, saying that annual cost-of-living increases were creating a "mockery of our pay structure." He blamed the Federal Government for setting the pattern of automatic annual increases, maintaining that private industry does not follow this practice to the same extent.

He picked up some support from O'Donnell and director Joe Compton, but for different reasons. They did not oppose cost-of-living increases, but they objected to applying the increase to everyone. They thought that top management should not get automatic increases.

O'Donnell zeroed in on GHI manager Roy Breashears, blaming him for allowing the boiler plants to deteriorate. Compton thought that top management should undergo evaluation before a raise is given and complained that the board had no procedure for conducting such evaluations.

Bob McGee from the audience countered that by not including the manager with other employees for a cost-of-living increase, "you were in effect cutting his salary without an evaluation." Several other speakers pointed out that inflation was affecting everybody's purchasing power, so why discriminate against the manager and his senior staff. Former GHI president Nat Shinderman and director Norman Weyel emphasized that if salaries did not keep pace with those in the government and in the construction industry the corporation would lose good people. Shinderman asserted that "manpower is the main asset of GHI."

Breashears defended himself against O'Donnell's charge that the plants were allowed to deteriorate by producing figures that showed that the corporation was consuming the same, even less, oil today than it was ten years ago, "despite the many and varied problems encountered incident to the aging process of our heating systems." He cited this as evidence that operating efficiency has been maintained and attributed it to the diligent efforts

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of Greenbelt will conduct a public hearing on

Monday, November 26, 1973 at 8:00 P.M.

in the Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, to consider the

BUDGET FOR THE SECOND YEAR FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE "GREENBELT CARES" YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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What Makes The News Review Tick

With this month, the *News Review* is completing 36 years of uninterrupted publication. In many ways, this is a remarkable feat for a co-operative venture so dependent on volunteer staffing and restaffing, mutual self-help, and community goodwill.

During its long history, the newspaper has been beset by many problems which it has managed to overcome so that today the delivery of a free newspaper every Thursday evening is more or less taken for granted. It does appear appropriate, however, on this occasion, to list the many factors that make it possible for the newspaper to continue providing this community service.

First, our costs are kept to a minimum. This is made possible by a number of factors:

(1) We are staffed by volunteers so that we have few fixed salary obligations. These volunteers come from all sections of town.

(2) Greenbelt Homes, Inc., through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation, has made available to the paper free office space with the paper reimbursing GHI for out-of-pocket expenses. The whole community owes GHI a debt for this service.

(3) Our printer is very sympathetic to and cognizant of our financial limitations and has tailored his services to meet our needs.

(4) Our delivery service is made up of young boys and girls who, despite receiving nominal pay, serve with enthusiasm. We hope our readers will remember this when the boys and girls come around for Christmas donations.

Second, on the income side, our advertisers have been very considerate of our situation.

(1) The city council and city staff have made it a policy to advertise generously in the *News Review*, although under no legal obligation to do so. City resolutions, city charter changes, agendas of meetings, recreation programs are all the subject of paid advertisements.

(2) Many of the businesses in town are advertising far beyond what their budgets allow in recognition of the vital community service the paper performs.

(3) Through the personal contacts and pleas of many of our volunteer workers, out-of-town advertisers have also been prevailed upon to "lend a helping hand" by placing advertising in the *News Review*.

In short, the *News Review* is truly a community effort and 36 years of continuous publication bears witness to the vigorous spirit of mutual help that has characterized the Greenbelt story.

Educators Speak Out

To the Editor:

As the City Council begins to evaluate priorities for the coming fiscal year, we would like to share with Greenbelt citizens our thoughts regarding the services of "Greenbelt CARES".

It has been our experience that persons referred to "Greenbelt CARES" have had the opportunity to gain prompt, caring professional assistance at almost token cost. The "walk in" nature of the Wednesday night sessions has offered ready assistance by professionally competent counselors and psychologists.

"Greenbelt CARES" has provided this assistance via individual and/or group counseling means. In many cases counseling has been made available where cost and distance might otherwise have proved complicating, if not prohibitive factors. We have seen the benefit to persons of varied ages and backgrounds.

It is our experience and feeling that this resource has shown itself to be an asset in offering on-going assistance to people trying to help themselves. We feel this service merits strong community support and encouragement and hope that careful consideration will be given to insuring its continuing to provide services to the Greenbelt Community.

Charles Brawn, Principal,
Center School

Letitia Morton, Counselor,
Greenbelt Center School

Gene Thompson, Counselor,
Mary Bethune Jr. High

Support "Greenbelt CARES!"

Open Letter to City Council:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Greenbelt CARES program and to urge the Greenbelt city council to provide support as necessary to insure continuance of this public service. The city of Greenbelt is a growing community that must continue to address the problems of our youth. Our city has always been a leader in youth programs in the county and the Greenbelt CARES program should be greeted with the same leadership.

As your county councilman, I have had an opportunity to assist in coordinating county government involvement in this program along with Dr. Leopold Warner and Mr. Robert Field by seeking LEAA funding. I believe the family counseling service coupled with the willingness of the Greenbelt CARES staff to work very closely with other youth organizations in the City will reap great rewards for our citizens, and particularly our young people.

In conclusion, I pledge my continued support for Greenbelt CARES and will continue to seek assistance thru the county government. I urge the city council of Greenbelt to give high priority to this program.

Sincerely,
Francis W. White
Vice Chairman
County Council

BETA SIGMA PHI

Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet Nov. 27 at the home of Pat Mier of Greenbelt

Need to Strengthen GHI

To the Editor:

Plenty of my fellow GHI members will be ready to put down my absence from the GHI budget hearings being held. The simple fact is that, having read this budget along with many others from GHI, I find nothing outstandingly surprising in this one; not even the gaps. Cuts, if not predictable, will not be surprising either.

It just seems a waste of time to attend a debate over which shall be the strongest roots of our coming bankruptcy.

Does it seem strange I say this, or overdramatic? Try to look at the dominant trends open-mindedly enough to read what results are likely!

Let me tell you a story:

The developers of Sunnyside and Radburn, our "planned community" forebears, formed the City Housing Corporation to handle sales and financing. Everything was going for them but the economy. They declared bankruptcy some time after 1933.

Members of the same cadre later developed Greenbelt, but Greenbelt, of course, arose out of a Federal program and was assumed by GHI in more prosperous times.

There's no need for a connection. 1933/34 was a vintage period for bankruptcies. GHI may indeed have better guidance than City Housing, but who knows what it might take for '74 to be a year to break up on?

GHI has been living on its own tissues for a decade at least - roof and budget tissues both. We need radical renovations, and we depend on mortgage money to start. So where is mortgage money this year? When we do find some, have we free funds to back up our borrowing? How much, 10%? 5%? Or do we make up the unavoidable shortages out of operations? Look again, what renovation plan? Is this program gone the same way as our maintenance, and our reserve funding: to be revealed only to the chosen?

I can easily see how we raise the earning power of our frames this year. How about next? And renovations can founder, more easily without a plan than with one!

Oh, yes: a Radburn Association still functions. With a manager and three or four full-time assistants, it is little more than a neighborhood parks and recreation authority.

Yes, I do have personal gripes about the budget: specific and bitter ones. But aren't we all still in here together? Will a defunct organization offer us better budgets or better housing? We need to be concerned with strengthening the structure of GHI.

And so we are, up until we start spending money. Then suddenly it's a matter of "reduce monthly charges" - to do your neighbor before he does you. All for one, sure: number one.

From loss of heat to loss of home, I say we're done. You say my attitude is defeatist pessimism, and I answer yours is a self-delusion that gives me no hope. The prospect would be easier to enjoy as an outsider.

Nov. 13

Gordon Allen

Thanks

The Second Annual Turkey Bowl was a success. There was a good turnout. Our thanks to Mayor Richard Pilski, Lion's Club President Tom Freeman, Bud Dean and Joe Wilkerson for awarding the trophies. The weather cooperated and everyone had a nice time.

The Boys Club wishes to thank the parents and local businesses for their generous donations that helped make our refreshment stand a success.

Boys and Girls Club

St. Hugh's Antique Show

The 4th annual St. Hugh's Antiques Show and sale will be held on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2 in Grenoble Hall. Antiques dealers from six states, with selections from buttons to 18th century bureaus, will show their wares. St. Hugh's Antiques Show will offer a limited variety of antiques and collectibles from the dealers exhibiting.

Hours are from noon until 10 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. and from noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Problem Solving

To the Editor:

On Saturday, I attended an all-day problem-solving meeting for an organization to which I belong. Professional problem-solvers were in charge. They started the session by saying, "The first step towards solving a problem is to get rid of ideas for fixing blame for your present situation. Don't feel guilty about not having foreseen what was coming and don't think your officers should have known better. There is no blame for your present problems except the rapidly changing socio-economic conditions which are world wide. You didn't do anything wrong - your prior decisions were right for the time they were made."

I thought about another organization to which I belong, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Some people are trying to fix blame for the fact that many of our heating plant controls are not working right and for our not having installed new ones before the oil crunch. They say that the Manager should have told us they were wearing out. The Manager has been telling us for several years. They say the Board should have authorized new ones. The Board had them costed out and found out that it would have taken ten years of oil savings AT THE PRICE OIL WAS THEN SETTING FOR to break even. Besides this, the Board was studying the possibility of a complete refurbishing of our homes with a possible change in heating systems which would have made any new controls obsolete almost as soon as they were installed, and a lot of money would have gone down the drain. Our prior decisions were also right for the time they were made. Let's acknowledge that snowballing changes in world-wide availability of fuel cause our problems and then spend our energy solving them rather than looking for a scapegoat.

And, by the way, I have a little booklet on how to solve problems which I brought away from the Saturday meeting with me. I'll lend it to the Board if they'd like to see it, but I won't give it away - I have problems of my own to solve because of socio-economic changes.

Janet M. James

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

The next meeting of the Prince Georges Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women will be held on Mon., Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Community Room in the shopping center. There will be a guest speaker and refreshments will be served. For further information call 345-8650.

Rosetti-Dismuke

Former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rosetti of 12613 Pentenville St., Silver Spring announce the engagement of their daughter Elaine Mary Theresa to Charles Philip Dismuke, son of Mrs. Galye Neely of Riverdale. A March wedding is planned.

CARES Volunteers Needed

To the Editor:

Our thanks to Fred Ford for his letter hopefully raising the consciousness (and conscience) of Greenbelt about its youth and its needs.

Greenbelt CARES is truly a helping hand. It is a youth service bureau that provides professional counseling for individuals or families - a preventive agency working against juvenile delinquency, social maladjustments, and personal problems.

But we need help. Help from adults dedicated to helping youth grow up well! Help you can give in any of a dozen ways.

We need shelter care homes - we will provide the professional counseling. We need foster homes - to care for children in need of families. We need after care, workers to provide friendship to persons leaving institutions.

We need jobs for young people who are willing to work. We need adult volunteers to keep our office (over High's) open from 4 to 9 daily and to supervise our many activities: gift wrapping, sale of UNICEF cards, handicrafts (to make things for our \$1 gift table), mimeographing (letters, notices, flyers - typing, addressing, folding, stuffing, delivery).

We need equipment for silk-screening - and instructors - and your ideas of other things we can make or do, including your suggestions as to jobs we could do for industries, offices, stores - such as assembly and packaging.

Have you planted your bulbs? Winterized your garden? Raked your leaves? Do you need party help, pet care, plant care, baby-sitting? Could you use some help assembling those Christmas toys and bikes (before Xmas Eve)?

For any of the above please call 345-3456 (getting through may be the hardest job of all - but we are working on that and would appreciate your call.)

Bruce Bowman - one of the volunteers

Inter-Faith Services

The 23rd Annual Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Day Service will be held in St. Hugh's Church, 135 Crescent Rd., on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, at 10:30 a.m. Participating in the service will be the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, Greenbelt Community Church, and Mishkan Torah. People of all faiths are invited to attend. An offering will be made for the relief of drought victims in Eastern Africa.

THANKS

To the Editor:

The family of the late Allen D. Morrison wishes to thank our many friends and neighbors for their cards and floral tributes and other expressions of sympathy shown to us during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Alta L. Morrison and family



For all

Thankful People

A

Service of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day

10:00 a.m.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Sunday Services: 8:30 & 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111, 474-9200



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2 SNOW TIRES 775x14 and 2 regular tires 825x14 - \$15 a pair. 474-5340.

MIDDLE AGED WOMAN will baby-sit 5 days a week & evenings. 474-8048.

RIDE WANTED to Landover Mall mornings and back evenings, Monday-Saturday. Will pay. 474-1353.

LOST, MIN. POODLE, brown with bald spot on head. Reward. Call 474-7481.

YARD SALE: Antique glass, china, picture frames, Humell pump organ, books. Honda trail bike, 9-5, Nov. 23-24 . . . 3 Pinecrest Court. NEED regular sitter for baby girl and three after-schoolers, 2-5 p.m. every Thurs. Prefer my home as baby naps. Good pay. 474-1052.

COLLECTOR'S STAMPS to sell. U.S. Plate blocks, singles, foreign. Call Bill: 345-1876.

Recreation Review

Youth Center - Thurs., 22, 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 7-10 p.m. Fri. 23, 9-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

Ridge Road Center - Closed Thanksgiving Day. Fri. 23, 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Springhill Lake - Thurs., 22, 7-9 p.m. Fri., 23, 12 noon - 5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Youth Center Gym Reopened

Due to the contractor's inability to obtain materials needed to complete the Youth Center gym ceiling, the gym has been reopened. Regular scheduled activities have been resumed and will continue until Mid-March. At that time, the supplies should be available and work will continue.

Kava

On Sat., Nov. 24, Kava will see two full length movies entitled "Three Stooges Meet Hercules" and "Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed." Films will be shown in the Youth Center Multipurpose Room beginning at 8 p.m. There will be a fee charged to cover the rental of the films. For further information call 474-6878 or 474-9554.

Roller Skating

The Roller Skating program will resume as previously scheduled beginning Mon., Dec. 3, 4-5:30 p.m. Mon., 3 & 4 graders; Wed., 5 & 6 graders; Fri., 1 and 2 graders. Family Roller Skating will begin Sun., Dec. 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your own skates or rent ours for a nominal fee.

Our Neighbors

Sid Barnett and Tony Pisano beat out by two points Ed and Adelaide Kaighn to win last Friday's duplicate bridge session. Next game: Friday, Nov. 23 at the Co-op Hospitality Room above the Consumer Supermarket at the Greenbelt Center.

Last week there were several celebrations in the Weidenfeld family, Rosewood. Sharon, a sixth grade student at Oakcrest Elementary School, was selected president of the student council, and Ellen, who was ten on Nov. 3, and her dad had a double birthday party.

Greenbelters were saddened by the death of one of our community's most beloved pioneers, Allen D. Morrison. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Alta Morrison, Mrs. Shirley Clute, and David, Donald and William Morrison.

Featured in last week's Sentinel, was a story about nine-year old Marco Buteau who plays in Greenbelt's 65-pound AA national division. Buteau finished the eight game season by ripping off three long touchdowns in the last game, to lead Greenbelt to a 40-0 romp over Bladensburg. He ran 1,023 yards for the season. Perry Bonner, who coaches the Greenbelt team, said " . . . he (Buteau) is not the biggest guy on the team, but people bounce off him when he gets hit. He's also a humble kid." The Sentinel reported that Buteau had a lot of help from Bonner, Scott, Goldberg and Jim Saco, among others, and the team finished the season with 7 wins and 1 loss.

Paul L. Howell passed away on November 8, 1973. Our deepest sympathy goes to Marion Howell and her three children.

Cheri-Lynn Gainor, 225 Lakeside Drive, won fourth runner-up in the junior division of the Berwyn Hgts. "Miss Bravado" contest. Cheri also won a third place medal for selling tickets for the drawing on a 10-speed bike raffle.

Friends of Teresa Pels will be glad to hear that she is out of the hospital and would be happy to hear from you. Her address: Teresa Pels, c/o Halloran, 72 Merrick St., Worcester, Mass., 01609.

Janice Lindahl was a winner in TOP's (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) annual weight-loss competition. winner for weight lost in the past year.

Terry R. Walton, Army Specialist Four, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles F. Walton, 25-C Ridge, participated with other American and Allied troops in exercise reformation V in

Germany, October 10-16. Specialist Walton is regularly assigned to Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rodefer have returned from Honolulu, Hawaii, where they were guests of Southwestern Life Insurance Company at the firm's 1973 agency convention. Rodefer represents Southwestern Life in Greenbelt.

Jane and Bob Main of 8005 Lakecrest Drive are enjoying a visit from Bob's mother, Pauline D. Main, of Shelton, Conn., for Thanksgiving week.

Sgt. James C. Attick, Maryland State Police, was graduated from the Univ. of Louisville's Southern Police Institute in ceremonies held on Nov. 21. Graduates of the Institute serve as chiefs of police, superintendents of state police or heads of county law enforcement agencies. Attick is the son of Greenbelt's Superintendent of Public Works and Mrs. Albert Attick.

John Carroll Parents Get it All Together

Eighteen John Carroll parents and staff members met in Greenbelt last Wednesday evening in a two-hour "rap session" promoting human understanding.

The two-thirds of the 27-member Human Relations Committee that filled the Lakecrest Drive home of Eileen Peterson discussed ways John Carroll parents from Greenbelt and Village Green can become involved in the life of their children's school and get to know each other in the process.

Gretta Henry, principal, emphasized that people understand best when they do something, and she suggested informal get-togethers where parents can relax with their children and get to know other children and parents.

Others suggested that the Committee can serve as a contact for parents having questions about the school; as a "rumor-control" group; and as a meeting place where positive suggestions as well as problems in the school can be talked out. One suggestion, a program of parent committees in each classroom, is being launched.

Three chairpersons elected by the group are Richard Fiordaliso, John Carroll staff member; Debra Brown (345-6533), Greenbelt parent; and Erma Desperat, Village Green parent. Pat Cain (474-8713), Greenbelt, and Janet Williams, Village Green, are co-secretaries.

Wednesday, November 28, the Committee meets at Pat Cain's, 233 Lastner Lane, at 8 p.m. Interested parents may call the above and also June Larson (345-9073), Pat Barshay (474-5170), Ted Haynie (474-7214), Eileen Peterson (345-2454), Natalie Nugent (345-6933), and Diane Kritt (474-0238).

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Breashears also reminded his critics that several years ago he brought to the attention of the board the need for new controls but at that time it was decided that the capital investment involved in replacing such controls would not pay for itself in light of the low cost of fuel and the possibility of replacement of the entire heating system in a few years. Now, of course, he said, the situation is different.

In the end, the entire board, with the exception of White, voted in favor of an across-the-board 5% increase for all GHI employees.

Budget Postponement?

Another issue that created prolonged discussion concerned a motion by O'Donnell that the board delay the formulation and approval of the 1974 budget until March when a clearer picture might emerge as to what savings could be effected by an immediately launched cost-reducing capital improvements program especially through heating plant renovation. O'Donnell suggested that in the interim the board approve a temporary 9.9% increase for the first three months of 1974. (Such an increase would not need approval at a special membership meeting). Then O'Donnell would call a special meeting in March 1974 for the purpose of approving any additional increase in monthly charges over 9.9% which might be found necessary as a result of the planning and evaluation process.

O'Donnell said that his objective in proposing this departure from usual budgetary procedures was to buy planning time so that decisions could be made with respect to cost reductions for this heating season. He felt that proceeding with the regular budget at this time would divert attention from the planning process so necessary to effect an accelerated capital improvements program for cost reduction.

"We need expert help," he said, "to develop the specifications and plans, calculate the costs and savings, evaluate the financing alternatives, and communicate our program and needs to the government."

O'Donnell said that if GHI did nothing for capital improvements this year and just bought the same amount of fuel oil as in last year, the membership charges will increase 24.8% over 1973. He did not see how the membership would approve such an increase, unless GHI followed a planned cost reduction program which will ultimately pay for itself in savings. He cited the plight of those on fixed income, especially the elderly, who, he said, could not afford such an increase.

Reaction

The reaction of the board and audit committee was complete agreement with the steps suggested by O'Donnell for launching a capital improvements program to effect savings but disagreement that such a program necessitated departing from orderly budgetary procedures. Only Comproni supported O'Donnell, saying that by holding the budget in abeyance, the GHI board would be forced to act promptly on the cost-savings program.

Weyel opposed O'Donnell's suggestion on the grounds that he wanted any increase in 1974 charges to be spread evenly over the whole year. "If only a 9.9% increase is charged for the first few months when it should be higher, then you will be faced with making up the lost income in the latter part of the year," he said.

Director Robert Nelson observed that most of the time-consuming work on the budget by management has already been done, so he didn't see how O'Donnell's proposal would effect much time savings.

Several members of the audience who said they were in retirement status reminded O'Donnell that retirees are generally not on fixed income, thanks to periodic increases in Federal civil service annuities and social security benefits.

On the final vote, O'Donnell's motion was defeated by 7 to 2.

CUB PACK 202

Cub Scout Pack 202, Greenbelt, is urgently in need of a den mother or den father. Adult volunteers are requested to call Joe Sanford, tel. 345-1840.

White Takes After The News Review

At the Greenbelt Development Corporation board of directors meeting on November 15, director Tom White tried once again without success to revise the present arrangement for the News Review occupancy of GDC basement quarters as an office. GDC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., operates two apartment buildings on Parkway Road.

Ever since 1953, the corporation has made available to the newspaper unused basement space containing the utility boxes for the apartments, with the newspaper reimbursing the corporation for out-of-pocket expenses (such as electricity bills). The Greenbelt News Review is a co-operative, non-profit organization staffed by local volunteers which provides a free weekly newspaper to the residents of Greenbelt, including every GHI member.

Stating that he was addressing himself only to the economics of the situation, White moved that the manager be directed to include in the 1974 budget a "fair and equitable" charge for rent to the News Review. White said that GDC was entitled to income from its building and that it was a discriminatory and unfair burden for GDC to provide rent-free space for a service that was benefiting the entire community.

Earlier in the evening a three-man committee consisting of directors Ted Byerly, Don Volk, and Steve Polaschik, appointed to investigate the situation, recommended that the current arrangement be continued in that it was a "good investment" for GDC and GHI.

The committee had reference to the fact that the News Review, by publishing up-to-date information on GHI activities and meetings, was providing an informational service to GHI that was worth many times in excess of the value of the basement space. Volk said that if GHI had to provide comparable services on a monthly or bi-monthly basis through a newsletter, it would cost the corporation \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year.

Polaschik reminded the board that the rental arrangement had been affirmed by the general membership by an overwhelming vote when the matter was last brought to its attention in 1963. He added that if GHI members had to pay for the paper, it would cost the members, in the aggregate, \$4,800 a year (assuming a \$3 a year subscription charge).

Byerly stressed that the quarters occupied by the News Review was not desirable space (containing the electric meters, telephone boxes, etc.), was limited in its alternative use to storage, and that GDC was being fully reimbursed for any expenses incurred as the result of News Review occupancy.

Responding to the comment by White that it was GDC and not GHI that was bearing the burden, Nat Shinderman from the floor pointed out that GDC is a creature of GHI and has no identity separate from that of its parent organization. (The board of directors of GDC consists of the same nine members who make up the GHI board.)

White's motion was defeated by an 8 to 1 vote, but White said that he "will not give up."

Joseph Roland Celebrates 11th Birthday

by Simon M. Pristoop

A large number of friends and neighbors joined Joseph Roland to celebrate his eleventh birthday last week. The party was highlighted by a beautiful fire engine birthday cake, painstakingly baked by Virginia Winkinson and her daughter Christa, that included almost every detail of a real fire engine. Joseph had been made a Junior Associate Fireman on both the Greenbelt and Washington fire-fighting squads. At the present, however, Joseph's condition is such that visitors to the Roland home are not encouraged.

Contributions to the Joseph Roland Hospital Fund, from many individuals, organizations, and activities, have been generous. However, medical costs continue to mount relentlessly. Any further contributions may be sent to the Joseph Roland Hospital Fund at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union in the Center.

SANTA ARRIVES BELTWAY PLAZA

Santa and his Christmas entourage will climb aboard the Berwyn Heights Fire Department Truck and make their way to the Beltway Plaza Mall on Friday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m.

The big parade with Santa and his helper, Little Miss Jingle, will feature the award winning Gold-digger Majorettes Drum Corp and National Color Guard with Buffalo Bill and the Berwyn Heights Drum and Majorette Corps. They will start at the Fire Station on 60th Street and march to the Plaza where Santa will greet everyone with a present.

In the mall the groups will perform for all with an array of music and entertainment. Lovable old "baggy pants" Winkie the Clown returns to the Beltway Plaza Mall to entertain the shoppers with a fabulous fun show at 2:30 p.m.

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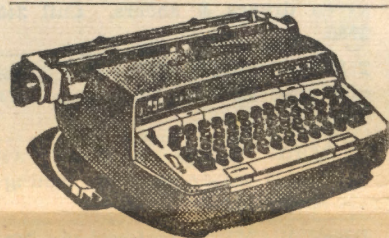
The Greenbelt Children's Department will present a puppet show on Fri., Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. at the meeting room. The program will include Kipling's "The Elephant's Child", a funny, wise story of how the elephant got his trunk; and Horowitz' "The Strange Story of the Frog Who Became a Prince", an account of how magic goes awry. Children 6-12 are invited. Call Ms. Rempert at 345-5800 for more information.

BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

All boys and girls between the ages of 7 - 19 yrs. are urged to sign up for basketball this Sat. Nov. 24 at the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Registration will be held Dec. 1, same time and places.

MISHKAN TORAH

The Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. The topic of the evening's entertainment is "Hobbies for Hubbies." There will be demonstrations of various handicrafts, designed to allow the wise wife time to plan ahead for her husband's retirement years. Public invited.



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